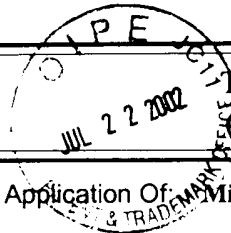


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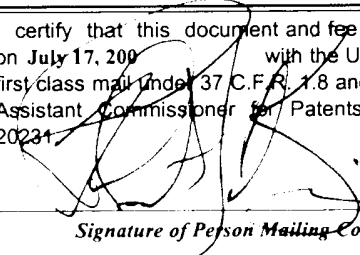
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002. In the Office Action, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single species from Specie A directed to the apparatus of the embodiment comprising electrodes that are disposed so as to interpose a plasma flow spurted out from the plasma vent, claims 1, 5, 7-8, and 10-12; Specie B directed to the apparatus of the embodiment comprising a magnetic field provided in at least a part between the vicinity of said plasma vent and the vicinity of said substrate table, claims 2, 5, and 7-10; and Specie C directed to the apparatus of the embodiment comprising a conductive member to which electric voltage is applied at a part of said plasma vent, claims 3-5, 7-8, and 10-12.

In response, Applicants elect Specie A, claims 1, 5, 7-8, and 10-12.

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